



*A unifying voice for Virginia's Forestry community.*

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### **STEPHANIE O. GRUBB NAMED VIRGINIA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION'S OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE YEAR FOR 2020**

**RICHMOND, VA** –The Virginia Forestry Association (VFA) presents its 2020 Outstanding Member of the Year Award to Stephanie O. Grubb of Smithfield, Virginia. VFA's Outstanding Member of the Year Award, given continuously since 1949, recognizes outstanding contributions by individuals in the areas of conservation, utilization, and enhancement of Virginia's forest resources. The specific contributions of the individual selected for this award must be significant and noteworthy, resulting in a positive continuing impact on the Association, the public, and/or the greater forestry community of the Commonwealth.

Since joining VFA in 2011, Grubb has been an active and engaged member of the Association, serving Virginia's forestry community in various volunteer and leadership roles. Currently serving her second three-year term on Virginia Forestry Association's Board of Directors, Grubb has provided insight in how to better the organization in her roles on the Executive Committee, as Vice Chair and Chair of the state implementation committee for Sustainable Forestry Initiative, and in her service on the Virginia Project Learning Tree Advisory Committee. She served on the planning committee for five Virginia Forestry Summits, where she played a critical role in content development for the event. Grubb is known throughout Virginia's forestry community for her professionalism and enthusiasm to ensure a positive outcome for the projects in which she is involved and goes above-and-beyond in her leadership and efforts.

Grubb is currently a Forester with International Paper and has worked for the company since 2004. "Stephanie is well-respected in her position with International Paper as well as in Virginia's forestry community for her reliability and hard work," says colleague Shannon McCabe with Association of Consulting Foresters. "Even in times when her personal life is busy and challenging, Stephanie remains positive and fiercely committed to her roles and responsibilities."

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#### **About Virginia Forestry Association:**

Founded in 1943, the Virginia Forestry Association (VFA) is a not-for-profit organization with the mission of representing Virginia's diverse forestry community and promoting the sustainable use and conservation of forest resources to ensure their long term social benefits for all Virginians. VFA consists of a diverse membership, including forest landowners, foresters, forest products businesses, loggers, forestry consultants, and a variety of individuals and groups who are concerned about the future well-being of Virginia's forest resources and are willing to collaborate for the good of the industry. VFA seeks to be the unifying voice of Virginia's forestry community through advocacy, outreach, and communications that enhance the public's perception of the industry. Learn more at [www.vaforestry.org](http://www.vaforestry.org).